135 W. 41st St.,
May 19, 1887.

Dear May,

Yours of the 17th, with its enclosures, came this morning. Mr. Sanborn's article from the Spr. Rep. is pungent indeed, not only as respects E. F., but also toward the biographers of Lincoln in the Century. The more I hear of Draper, the more I ~~feel~~ feel as if ~~I had~~ in noticing him at all I had run a risk of soiling my hands. If he had not the Society of Antiquity behind him, I should almost conclude that I had made a mistake.

However on some points you and I may seem to differ as to

the matter of literary style, I am still in
hearty agreement with you in
principle. I cheerfully acknow-
ledge, moreover, that my train-
ing as a journalist makes me
liable to fall into slang. I con-
sider myself fortunate in having
you for my friendly critic.

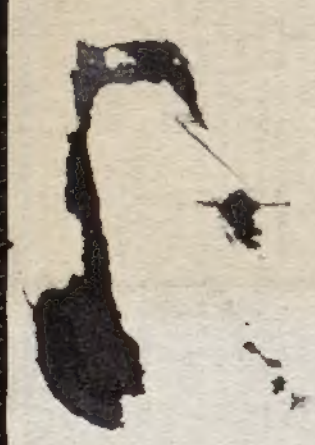
I certainly think the
names you mention should be
added to my "roll of honor." If
the MS. were accessible to me,
I would interline them. Would
it be too much trouble for you
when in Worcester some day to
do this? I shall take it as
another kindness done to myself,
and you may tell Mr. Rice
that you are acting at my request.

I am glad Mr. Rice is

disposed to take the responsibility
of the pamphlet issue, and
let us buy of him in lump the
quantity we need. I think it
would be well for you to make a
list of persons to whom it should
be sent. F. J. G. should also make
one, and I will make another.
The three lists should, then, be collated
into one, to avoid waste, and
the mailing might all be done
by one hand at Worcester or
Boston. Of course I make
these suggestions subject to
your and F. J. G.'s judgment;
and of course I will bear my share
of the expense.

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson.



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